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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted to examine the persistence patterns of Mercer County Community College's (MCCC's) student enrollment for 1980 through 1985. Both full- and part-time entrants were tracked over six consecutive semesters to assess non-return rates, student movement across programs, and graduation rates. Study findings included the following: (1) the proportion of fall semester full-timers returning to either full- or part-time status the following spring increased from 81% to 84%; (2) part-time persistence remained relatively stable across all the semesters despite a sharp decline in the part-time enrollment; (3) the percentage of part-time students switching to full-time status after one semester increased from 4% to 6% between fall 1980 and fall 1984; (4) transfer and career programs experienced net gains due to changes in student majors, while the non-degree and preparatory programs had net losses; (5) graduation rates were highest among full-time entrants after four semesters and, in general, rates were higher for fall entrants than for spring entrants; and (6) trends showed more students combining work and school, and taking longer than the traditional 2 years to complete their degrees. Appendices include data on full-time and part-time persistence output. (Author/EJV)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents findings summarizing the persistence patterns of Mercer County Community College's student enrollment for the years 1980 through 1985. Both full-time and part-time entrants are tracked over 6 consecutive semesters. Non-return rates, student movement across programs and graduation rates are also examined.

The proportion of fall semester full-timers who returned to either full-time or part-time status the following spring has steadily increased from 81% for the fall 1980 entrants to 84% for the fall 1983 cohort. There was a decrease this past year when only 80% of the Fall 1984 entrants returned the following semester. The percentage of students switching from full-time to part-time status has increased from 12% of the fall 1980 entrants to 15% of the fall 1984 cohort. The one semester non-return rate of the full-time entrants has decreased from 19% of the fall 1980 group to 16% of the entering fall 1983 students. This past year over 20% of the fall 1984 entrants did not return.

Part-time persistence has remained relatively stable across all the semesters despite a sharp decline in the part-time enrollment. The percentage of students switching from part-time to full-time status after one semester has increased from four percent of the fall 1980 entrants to six percent of the fall 1984 entrants. The one semester non-return rate of the part-timers has increased slightly from 56% of the fall 1980 entrants to 57% of the fall 1984 cohort.

Curriculum changes among both full-time and part-time students show that the transfer and career programs experienced net gains, while the non-degree and preparatory programs had net losses.

Graduation rates were highest among full-time entrants after four semesters of attendance. In general, rates of graduation were higher for fall than for spring entrants even after six semesters.

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GENERAL FINDINGS

Full-time Persistence

The one semester return rate for entering fall semester full-timers who return either full-time or part-time the following spring has risen from 81% of the Fall 1980 entrants to 84% of the fall 1983 cohort. This past year, however, in addition to a noticeable decrease in enrollment, only 80% of the fall 1984 entrants returned in the spring. The spring entrants were less likely to return after one semester but exhibited an increasing return rate. Fifty-four percent of the spring 1981 entrants returned while 63% of the spring 1984 entrants came back the following fall semester (see Figure 1 and Table 1). The full-time fall entrants who returned to full-time status the following spring semester reached a high of 70% for fall 1983 entrants. This rate dropped to 65% for the fall 1984 entrants. Among the spring semster entrants, the highest rate of one semester return to full-time status (44%) occurred among spring 1982 and 1984 entrants and the lowest (38%) in spring 1981 (see Table 2). In both Tables 1 and 2, it can be seen that the second semester return rates for the fall semester entrants are similar to the one semester return rates for the spring entrants. Fewer students return after the summer regardless of whether they entered in the fall or spring semester. The non-return rate of the full-time entrants has decreased from 19% of the fall 1980 cohort to 16% of the fall 1983 entrants. The rate increased to 20% among the fall 1984 entrants. The percentage of full-time entrants who returned the following semester as part-time students has increased from 13% of the fall 1980 entrants to 15% of the fall 1984 students (see Figure 2).

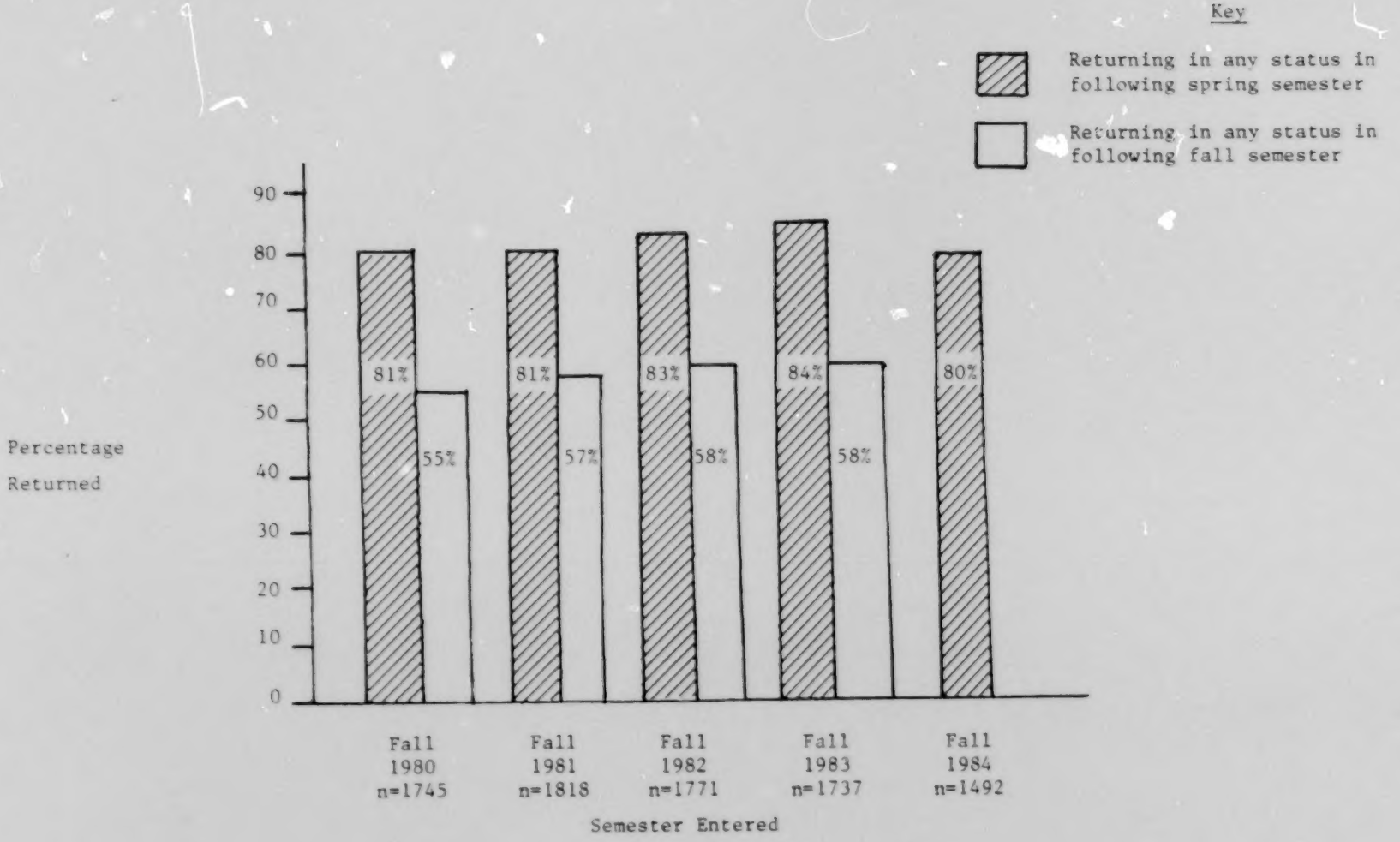

FIGURE 1: Entering Full-Time Student Return Rate: Fall Semesters, 1980--1984

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Table 1: Patterns of Student Persistence:
Full-time to Full- and Part-time, Fall and Spring
Semesters, Fall 1980 - Spring 1985

Full-time Entering Cohort	Students Returning to Full - or Part-time Status After											
	1st Semester		2nd Semester		3rd Semester		4th Semester		5th Semester		6th Semester	
Fall, 1980 (N = 1745)	1406	(81%)	966	(55%)	847	(49%)	432	(25%)	339	(19%)	185	(11%)
Fall, 1981 (N = 1818)	1468	(81%)	1028	(57%)	914	(50%)	497	(27%)	404	(22%)	231	(13%)
Fall, 1982 (N = 1771)	1463	(83%)	1033	(58%)	867	(49%)	557	(31%)	438	(25%)	-----	
Fall, 1983 (N = 1737)	1464	(84%)	1012	(58%)	853	(49%)	-----		-----		-----	
Fall, 1984 (N = 1492)	1187	(80%)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1981 (N = 400)	215	(54%)	168	(42%)	118	(30%)	90	(23%)	55	(14%)	48	(12%)
Spring, 1982 (N = 544)	309	(57%)	248	(46%)	169	(31%)	127	(23%)	84	(15%)	63	(12%)
Spring, 1983 (N = 477)	292	(61%)	229	(48%)	160	(34%)	124	(26%)	-----		-----	
Spring, 1984 (N = 404)	255	(63%)	215	(53%)	-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1985 (N = 392)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	

Note: This table includes all returning students who were originally in the full-time entering cohort. Enrollment figures exclude contract nursing and special groups.

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Table 2: Patterns of Student Persistence:
Full-time to Full-time Only,
Fall and Spring Semesters, Fall 1980 - Spring 1985

Full-time Entering Cohort	Students Returning to Full-time Status After											
	1st Semester		2nd Semester		3rd Semester		4th Semester		5th Semester		6th Semester	
Fall, 1980 (N = 1745)	1187	(68%)	693	(40%)	523	(30%)	151	(9%)	105	(6%)	22	(1%)
Fall, 1981 (N = 1818)	1228	(68%)	682	(38%)	525	(29%)	158	(9%)	102	(6%)	33	(2%)
Fall, 1982 (N = 1771)	1198	(68%)	663	(37%)	503	(28%)	174	(10%)	106	(6%)	-----	
Fall, 1983 (N = 1737)	1210	(70%)	622	(36%)	455	(26%)	-----		-----		-----	
Fall, 1984 (N = 1492)	966	(65%)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1981 (N = 400)	150	(38%)	93	(23%)	48	(12%)	38	(10%)	8	(2%)	8	(2%)
Spring, 1982 (N = 544)	237	(44%)	145	(27%)	67	(12%)	46	(8%)	12	(2%)	11	(2%)
Spring, 1983 (N = 477)	187	(39%)	109	(23%)	57	(12%)	34	(7%)	-----		-----	
Spring, 1984 (N = 404)	177	(44%)	106	(26%)	-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1985 (N = 392)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	

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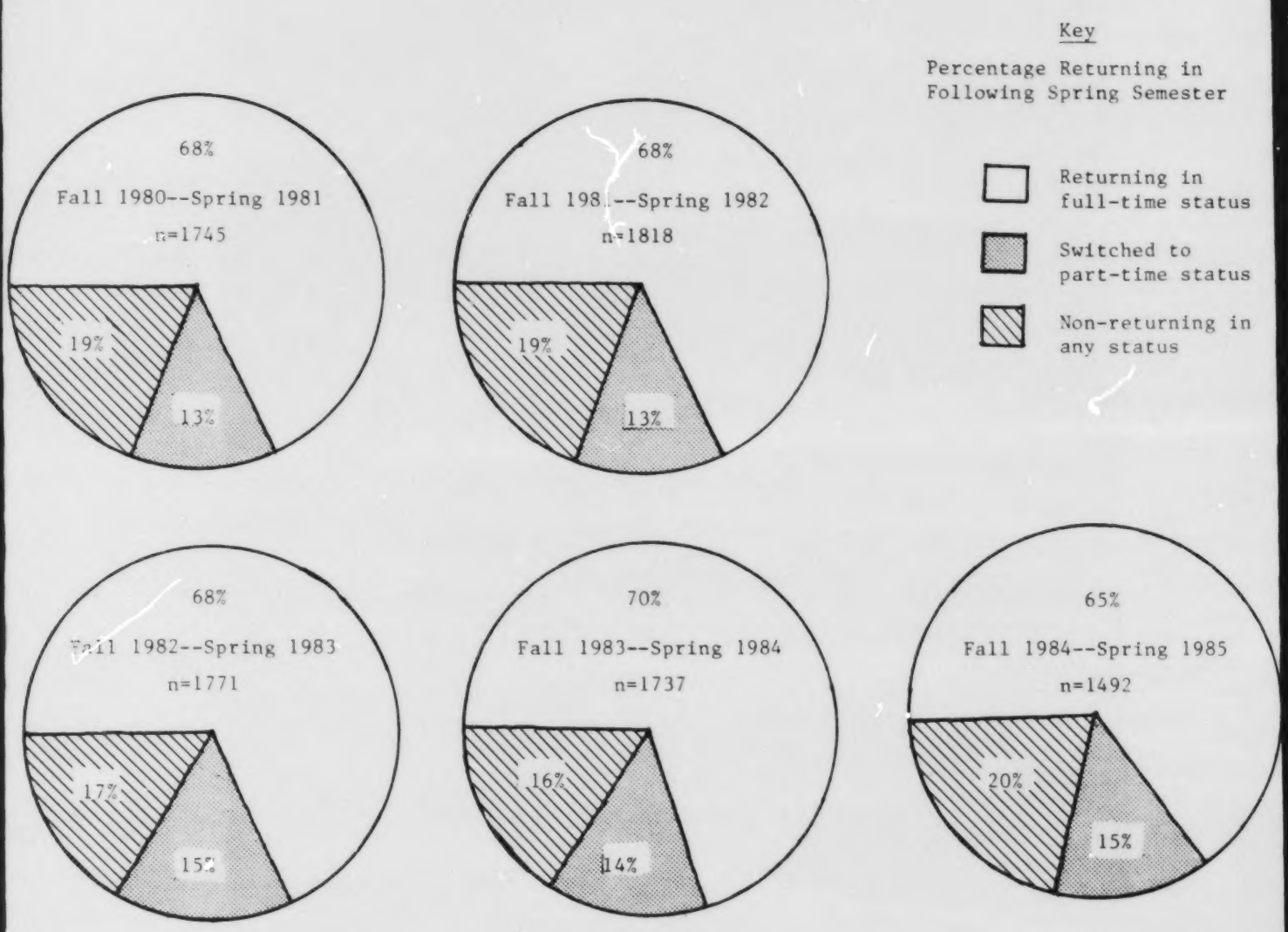

FIGURE 2: Full-Time Entering Students According to Status in Following Semester: Fall 1980--1984

Part-time Persistence

After one semester, persistence among part-time fall entrants who returned to either part or full-time status in the spring has remained fairly constant (44% of the fall 1980 and 1981 cohorts and 43% of the fall 1982 and fall 1984 entrants), with only a slight decrease of one percentage point down to 42% of the fall 1983 entering cohort. Among spring entrants, part-time persistence rates have decreased from 32% of the spring 1982 entering students to 28% of the spring 1983 and 1984 entrants (see Table 3). As illustrated in Figure 3, over the past five years the percentage of students switching to full-time status after one semester has increased from four percent of the fall 1980 entrants to six percent of the fall 1984 entrants. Those part-timers returning to part-time status after one semester have steadily decreased from 40% of the fall 1980 cohort to 37% of the fall 1984 entrants. The non-return rate among entering part-time students was highest (58%) for the fall 1983 entrants.

Graduation Rates (Full-time students only)

The fall 1980 and 1981 entrants had the highest graduation rates (24.9% and 24.6% respectively) after six semesters. Among fall entrants, graduation rates peaked after four semesters of attendance, while the percentage of spring entrants who graduated was highest after 3 semesters and also after 5 semesters. Moreover, the spring entrants were less likely to graduate than were the fall entrants even after six semesters of attendance (see Table 4).

Table 3: Patterns of Student Persistence:
Part-time to Part- and Full-time,
Fall and Spring Semesters, Fall 1980 - Spring 1985

Part-time Entering Cohort	Students Returning to Part- or Full-time Status After											
	1st Semester		2nd Semester		3rd Semester		4th Semester		5th Semester		6th Semester	
Fall, 1980 (N = 2293)	1020	(44%)	657	(29%)	523	(23%)	445	(19%)	350	(15%)	275	(12%)
Fall, 1981 (N = 2260)	1000	(44%)	715	(32%)	511	(23%)	396	(18%)	331	(15%)	275	(12%)
Fall, 1982 (N = 2302)	994	(43%)	592	(26%)	458	(20%)	385	(17%)	331	(14%)	-----	
Fall, 1983 (N = 2100)	876	(42%)	572	(27%)	434	(21%)	-----		-----		-----	
Fall, 1984 (N = 1831)	779	(43%)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1981 (N = 1339)	414	(31%)	329	(25%)	286	(21%)	213	(16%)	166	(12%)	136	(10%)
Spring, 1982 (N = 1603)	516	(32%)	363	(23%)	279	(17%)	220	(14%)	165	(10%)	133	(8%)
Spring, 1983 (N = 1592)	440	(28%)	336	(21%)	257	(16%)	208	(13%)	-----		-----	
Spring, 1984 (N = 1245)	347	(28%)	241	(19%)	-----		-----		-----		-----	
Spring, 1985 (N = 1211)	-----		-----		-----		-----		-----		-----	

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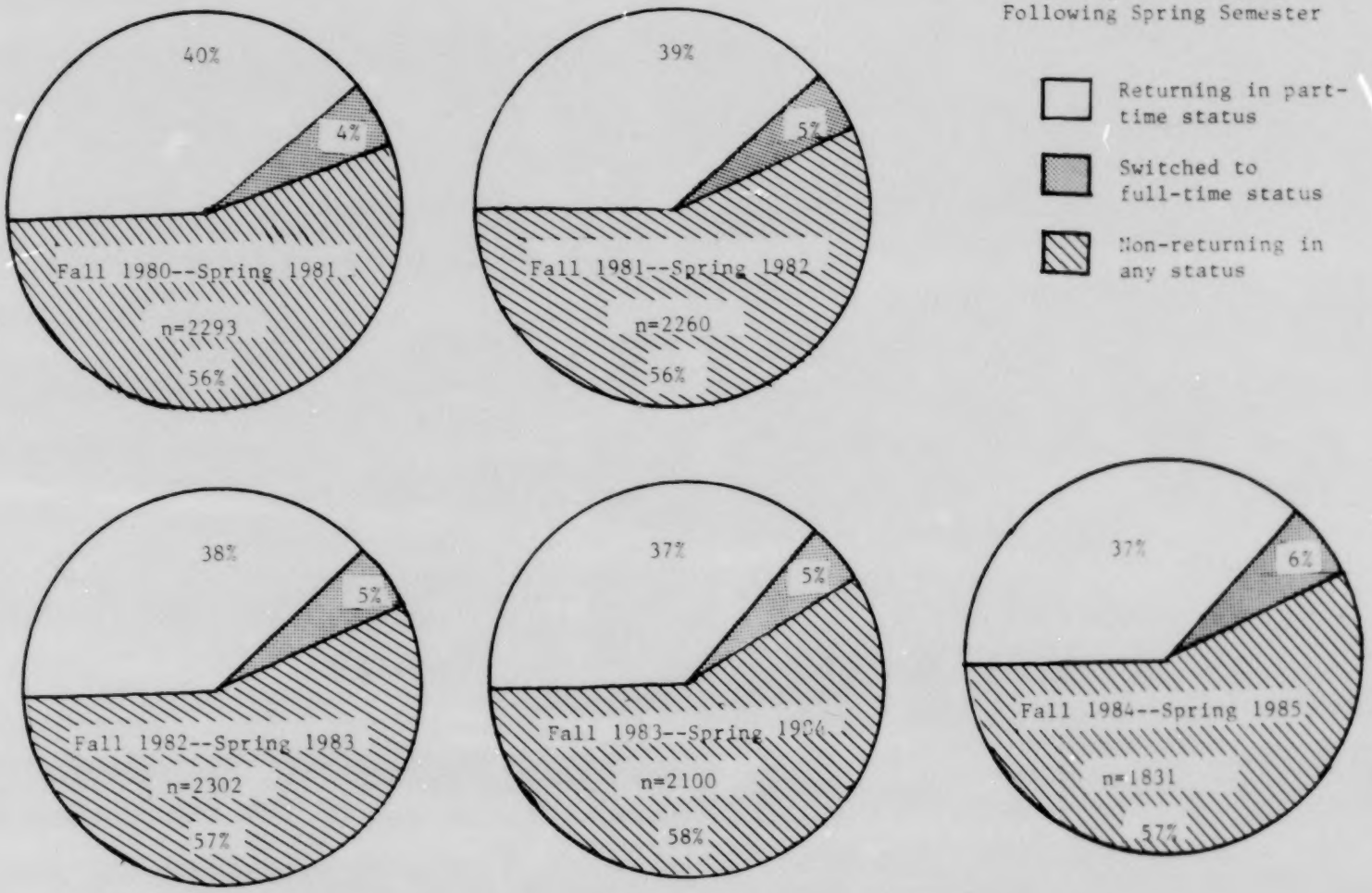

FIGURE 3: Part-Time Entering Students According to Status in Following Semester: Fall 1980--1984

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Table 4: Number and Percent Graduated (Full-time Only), Fall and Spring Semesters, Fall 1980 - Spring 1985

Semester Entered	Students Graduated						
	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester	5th Semester	6th Semester	Total Graduates[a]
Spring, 1980 (N = 408)	8 (1.9%)	3 (0.7%)	21 (5.1%)	6 (1.4%)	33 (8.0%)	2 (0.4%)	73 (17.9%)
Fall, 1980 (N = 1745)	2 (0.1%)	30 (1.7%)	7 (0.4%)	257 (14.7%)	29 (1.6%)	109 (6.2%)	434 (24.9%)
Spring, 1981 (N = 400)	4 (1.0%)	9 (2.2%)	23 (5.7%)	8 (2.0%)	18 (4.5%)	4 (1.0%)	66 (16.5%)
Fall, 1981 (N = 1818)	1 (.05%)	48 (2.6%)	9 (0.4%)	210 (11.5%)	47 (2.5%)	133 (7.3%)	448 (24.6%)
Spring, 1982 (N = 544)	8 (1.4%)	5 (0.9%)	20 (3.6%)	7 (1.2%)	39 (7.1%)	13 (2.3%)	92 (16.9%)
Fall, 1982 (N = 1771)	1 (.05%)	50 (2.8%)	11 (0.6%)	187 (10.5%)	53 (2.9%)	-----	-----
Spring, 1983 (N = 477)	5 (1.0%)	4 (0.8%)	22 (4.6%)	11 (2.3%)	-----	-----	-----
Fall, 1983 (N = 1737)	2 (0.1%)	35 (2.0%)	10 (0.5%)	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spring, 1984 (N = 404)	5 (1.2%)	2 (0.4%)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fall, 1984 (N = 1492)	2 (0.1%)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spring, 1985 (N = 392)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

[a]Figure represents the number and percentage of total graduates thru 6 semesters only.

Full-time Student Non-Return Rate after One Semester by Program (Fall to Spring)

Non-return rates for all entering full-time students were examined by program over a span of three years: 1982-1983, 1983-1984 and 1984-1985. The overall college non-return rate has increased from 17% among fall 1982 entrants to 21% of the fall 1984 cohort. The non-return rates at the program level showed the same increasing pattern. All four program categories, transfer, career, certificate and non-degree followed this same trend. As expected, the students in the non-degree and preparatory program areas have the highest rate of non-return for the three years studied. This category inherently has a lower persistence rate than those in degree or certificate programs because it is geared to prepare the students for other programs (see Table 5).

Part-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program Type (Fall to Spring)

Non-return rates among part-time entrants were also studied for the years 1982-1983 through 1984-1985. The transfer and non-degree and preparatory program categories have increased over the years studied, while the career and certificate categories have decreased. College-wide, the rate of part-time non-return has remained stable (57% for 1982-1983 and 1984-1985 and 58% for 1982-1983.) (see Table 6).

Full-time Students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program (Fall 1984 to Spring 1985)

The full-time pattern of students changing 'to other programs' and 'from other programs' can be found in Table 7. Only the past academic year (1984-1985) is presented. Previous years' data are available upon request from the Office of Institutional Research. As might be expected, the transfer and career categories experienced net gains, while the non-degree and preparatory programs had net losses (see Table 7).

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Part-time Students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program Type (Fall to Spring)

Patterns of curriculum change among part-timers after one semester were also examined but by program type. In 1983-1984 there was a decrease in the number of students changing 'to' or 'from' another program compared to 1982-1983 and 1984-1985. The transfer, career and certificate programs showed net gains while the non-degree and preparatory category showed a net loss (see Table 8).

Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
TRANSFER PROGRAMS						
Architecture	31	6 (19%)	41	6 (15%)	46	6 (13%)
Biology	20	3 (15%)	24	3 (13%)	13	4 (31%)
Business Administration	85	13 (15%)	71	9 (13%)	99	12 (12%)
Ceramics	1	1 (100%)	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Chemistry	11	0 (0%)	6	0 (0%)	8	2 (25%)
Computer Science	54	9 (17%)	47	4 (9%)	27	5 (19%)
Cooperative Nursing - HF	37	0 (0%)	38	5 (13%)	25	2 (8%)
Cooperative Nursing - MMC	38	9 (24%)	48	5 (10%)	29	4 (14%)
Dance	3	2 (67%)	1	0 (0%)	3	1 (33%)
Fine Arts	10	2 (20%)	8	3 (38%)	5	4 (80%)
Engineering Science	35	4 (11%)	25	4 (16%)	27	3 (11%)
Humanities & Social Science	123	17 (14%)	99	19 (19%)	80	22 (28%)
Mathematics	4	0 (0%)	4	0 (0%)	1	1 (100%)
Music	12	3 (25%)	4	0 (0%)	7	1 (14%)
Photography	16	2 (13%)	7	0 (0%)	9	2 (22%)
Physics	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Plant Science	6	0 (0%)	6	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)
Pre-Funeral Service Education	30	6 (20%)	28	1 (4%)	18	2 (11%)
Public Administration(I)[a]	1	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Sculpture	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Special Education	--	-- --	1	0 (0%)	5	0 (0%)
Telecommunications	22	3 (14%)	7	1 (14%)	7	1 (14%)
Theatre	1	0 (0%)	5	0 (0%)	3	1 (33%)
Total (Transfer Programs)	541	80 (15%)	472	60 (13%)	416	73 (18%)

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Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
CAREER PROGRAMS						
Health Services						
Dental Assisting	5	0 (0%)	11	2 (18%)	4	2 (50%)
Medical Lab Technology	15	0 (0%)	12	1 (8%)	11	4 (36%)
Nursing	26	0 (0%)	31	7 (23%)	23	6 (26%)
Radiography	13	1 (8%)	14	0 (0%)	11	2 (18%)
Total (Health Services)	59	1 (2%)	68	10 (15%)	49	14 (29%)
Business & Data Processing						
Accounting	21	2 (10%)	25	4 (16%)	10	3 (30%)
Advertising Design	38	2 (5%)	28	3 (11%)	17	2 (12%)
Aviation Management	4	0 (0%)	4	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)
Computer Operations	18	5 (28%)	22	3 (14%)	12	3 (25%)
Data Processing	98	15 (15%)	65	6 (9%)	34	6 (18%)
General Business	81	11 (14%)	40	4 (10%)	30	3 (10%)
Secretarial Science	26	5 (19%)	18	4 (22%)	14	2 (14%)
Total (Business & Data Proc)	286	40 (14%)	202	24 (12%)	119	19 (16%)
Telecommunications						
Broadcast and Cable Sales	--	-- --	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Electronic Brdcst Journalism	--	-- --	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Radio/Television	57	12 (21%)	47	6 (13%)	38	4 (11%)
Telecommunications Tech	7	1 (14%)	7	0 (0%)	5	1 (20%)
Total (Telecommunications)	64	13 (20%)	54	6 (11%)	45	5 (11%)
Engineering Technologies						
Architecture & Bldg. Constr.	25	6 (24%)	10	1 (10%)	11	1 (9%)
Automotive Technology	11	4 (36%)	1	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Aviation Customer Relations	14	2 (14%)	11	3 (9%)	10	3 (30%)
Aviation Flight Technology	45	10 (22%)	34	3 (9%)	37	8 (22%)

continued

Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
Engineering Tech (cont)						
Construction/Civil Eng Tech	14	2 (14%)	9	0 (0%)	6	2 (33%)
Drafting and Design Tech	13	1 (8%)	8	2 (25%)	8	1 (13%)
Electrical Eng Tech	18	1 (6%)	24	3 (13%)	15	3 (20%)
Electric Power Tech	2	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Electronics	37	5 (14%)	10	0 (0%)	13	3 (23%)
Fire Science Tech	4	1 (25%)	1	1 (100%)	1	0 (0%)
Heating, Refrig A/C	2	0 (0%)	3	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Mechanical Eng Tech	13	2 (15%)	8	2 (25%)	3	0 (0%)
Media Electronics (I)[a]	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Total (Engineering Tech)	199	34 (17%)	120	15 (13%)	106	21 (20%)
Public Service Technologies						
Community Service Assistant	4	1 (25%)	3	0 (0%)	3	2 (67%)
Corrections	2	2 (100%)	3	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)
Education Assistant	1	0 (0%)	5	0 (0%)	5	1 (20%)
Law Enforcement	23	5 (22%)	15	1 (7%)	19	3 (16%)
Legal Assistant	18	4 (22%)	11	1 (9%)	12	2 (17%)
Total (Public Service Tech)	48	12 (25%)	37	2 (5%)	41	8 (20%)
Science Technologies						
Laboratory Technology	4	2 (50%)	3	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)
Ornamental Hort & Land Use	22	2 (9%)	20	3 (15%)	9	2 (22%)
Total (Science Technologies)	26	4 (15%)	23	3 (13%)	11	2 (18%)
Total (Career Programs)	682	104 (15%)	504	60 (12%)	371	69 (19%)

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Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS						
Accounting	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Administrative Ass't Spec	--	-- --	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Architectural Drawing	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	2	1 (50%)
Automotive Technology	1	0 (0%)	3	1 (33%)	1	1 (100%)
Computer Operations	3	0 (0%)	6	2 (33%)	2	0 (0%)
Data Processing	15	1 (7%)	7	0 (0%)	6	0 (0%)
Dental Assisting	8	1 (13%)	7	0 (0%)	10	1 (10%)
Drafting Technology	3	1 (33%)	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Electric Power Technology	2	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Funeral Service Education	8	0 (0%)	8	0 (0%)	9	1 (11%)
Heating, Refrig, A/C Tech	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Machine Shop/T & D (I)[a]	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Microcomputer Technology	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Orn. Hort & Land Use Tech	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Solar Energy Installation	1	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Word Processing Specialist	--	-- --	2	0 (0%)	4	0 (0%)
Total (Certificate Programs)	42	3 (7%)	35	3 (9%)	37	4 (11%)
NON-DEGREE AND PREPARATORY PROGRAMS						
Bilingual Program	4	2 (50%)	3	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Business Admin - Bilingual(I)[a]	0	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
College Discovery Year (I)[a]	14	2 (14%)	0	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
English as a Sec Lang (ESL)	--	-- --	--	-- --	12	2 (17%)
General Studies	305	68 (22%)	247	61 (25%)	90	24 (27%)
General Studies All. Hlt (I)[a]	100	20 (20%)	17	3 (18%)	3	0 (0%)
Human & Soc Sci-Bilingual (I)[a]	0	0 (0%)	3	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)
LPN-RPN Upward Mobility	0	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)	1	0 (0%)
Non-Degree: Personal (I)[a]	0	0 (0%)	2	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)

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Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
NON-DEGREE AND PREPARATORY PROGRAMS (cont)						
Pre-Business (I)[a]	--	-- --	116	12 (10%)	4	0 (0%)
Pre-Liberal Arts (I)[a]	--	-- --	55	7 (13%)	4	1 (25%)
Pre-Nursing	--	-- --	110	14 (13%)	83	12 (14%)
Pre-Tech-Bilingual (I)[a]	--	-- --	1	0 (0%)	0	0 (0%)
Pre-Technical (I)[a]	18	2 (11%)	110	23 (21%)	6	3 (50%)
Non-Matriculated	66	24 (38%)	59	30 (52%)	46	23 (50%)
Provisional Programs						
Accounting*	--	-- --	--	-- --	19	5 (26%)
Advertising Design*	--	-- --	--	-- --	4	2 (50%)
Architecture*	--	-- --	--	-- --	10	2 (20%)
Arch and Bldg Constr Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	4	1 (25%)
Automotive Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	2	1 (50%)
Aviation Cust Relations*	--	-- --	--	-- --	5	3 (60%)
Aviation Flight Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	9	0 (0%)
Biology*	--	-- --	--	-- --	7	0 (0%)
Broadcast and Cable Sales*	--	-- --	--	-- --	1	1 (100%)
Business Administration*	--	-- --	--	-- --	54	12 (22%)
Computer Operations*	--	-- --	--	-- --	21	7 (33%)
Computer Operations Cert*	--	-- --	--	-- --	2	0 (0%)
Computer Science*	--	-- --	--	-- --	7	1 (14%)
Constr/Civil Eng Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	1	0 (0%)
Data Processing*	--	-- --	--	-- --	9	1 (11%)
Dental Assisting*	--	-- --	--	-- --	3	0 (0%)
Drafting and Design*	--	-- --	--	-- --	4	2 (50%)
Education Assistant*	--	-- --	--	-- --	4	2 (50%)
Electrical Eng Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	6	1 (17%)
Electric Power Tech*	--	-- --	--	-- --	1	0 (0%)
Electric Power Tech Cert*	--	-- --	--	-- --	1	1 (100%)
Electronics*	--	-- --	--	-- --	10	3 (30%)
Engineering Science*	--	-- --	--	--	4	0 (0%)

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Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees		1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees		1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees	
Provisional Programs (cont)									
Fine Arts*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	(100%)
Fire Science Tech*	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	0	(0%)
General Business*	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	8	(29%)
Heating, Refrig, A/C*	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	(50%)
Human & Social Science*	--	--	--	--	--	--	44	10	(23%)
Laboratory Tech*	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	1	(25%)
Law Enforcement*	--	--	--	--	--	--	11	2	(18%)
Legal Assistant*	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	0	(0%)
Mathematics*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	0	(0%)
Mechanical Eng Tech*	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	0	(0%)
Media Electronics*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	0	(0%)
Medical Lab Tech*	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	1	(20%)
Microcomputer Tech Cert*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	0	(0%)
Music*	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	1	(20%)
Orn Hort and Land Use*	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	0	(0%)
Photography*	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	2	(67%)
Plant Science*	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	(50%)
Pre-Funeral Service Education*	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	1	(8%)
Radiography*	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	1	(33%)
Radio/TV*	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	5	(36%)
Secretarial Science*	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	3	(33%)
Special Education*	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	0	(0%)
Telecommunications*	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	(50%)
Telecommunications Tech*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	(100%)
Theatre*	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	0	(0%)
Word Processing Specialist*	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	0	(0%)
Total (Non-Degree & Prep Prog)	507	118	(23%)	726	150	(21%)	617	151	(24%)

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Table 5: Full-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985 (continued)

Entering Program	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees
SUMMARY						
Transfer Programs	541	80 (15%)	472	60 (13%)	416	73 (18%)
Career Programs	682	104 (15%)	504	60 (12%)	371	69 (19%)
Certificate Programs	42	3 (7%)	35	3 (9%)	37	4 (11%)
Non-Degree & Prep Programs	507	118 (23%)	726	150 (21%)	617	151 (24%)
TOTAL COLLEGE	1772	305 (17%)	1737	273 (16%)	1441	297 (21%)

[a](I) denotes program is inactive.

Note: The category "Non-Returnees" includes entrants who did not return in either full or part-time status.

Table 6: Part-time Student Non-Return Rate After One Semester by Program Type, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985

Program Type	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	1982-1983 Spring Non-Returnees[a]	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	1983-1984 Spring Non-Returnees[a]	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	1984-1985 Spring Non-Returnees[a]
Transfer	122	34 (28%)	85	24 (28%)	116	48 (41%)
Career	242	75 (31%)	173	54 (31%)	211	63 (30%)
Certificate	44	13 (30%)	37	11 (30%)	40	10 (25%)
Non-Degree and Preparatory	1895	1186 (63%)	1811	1137 (63%)	1464	930 (64%)
Total	2303	1308 (57%)	2106	1226 (58%)	1831	1051 (57%)

[a]The category "Non-Returnees" includes entrants who did not return in either full- or part-time status.

Note: Only matriculated students were assigned to the appropriate transfer, career, and certificate programs. Students that did not go through admissions were assigned to the "non-matriculated" curriculum and are included in the non-degree and preparatory program type. The data in this table reflect a change in reporting compared to previous years when the "non-matriculated" category was not used.

Table 7: Full-time Students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program, (Fall 1984 to Spring 1985)

	Fall 1984 Entering Class	Spring 1985 To Other Programs	Spring 1985 From Other Programs	Spring 1985 Net Change
TRANSFER PROGRAMS				
Architecture	46	1 (2%)	2	+1
Biology	13	0 (0%)	1	+1
Business Administration	99	5 (5%)	12	+7
Chemistry	8	1 (13%)	1	0
Computer Science	27	2 (7%)	2	0
Cooperative Nursing - HF	25	1 (4%)	1	0
Cooperative Nursing - MMC	29	3 (10%)	1	-2
Engineering Science	27	1 (4%)	0	-1
Fine Arts	5	0 (0%)	1	+1
Humanities and Social Science	80	2 (3%)	13	+11
Music	7	1 (14%)	1	0
Photography	9	0 (0%)	2	+2
Plant Science	2	0 (0%)	1	+1
Pre-Funeral Service Education	18	2 (11%)	0	-2
Special Education	5	0 (0%)	2	+2
Telecommunications	7	0 (0%)	1	+1
Theatre	3	0 (0%)	1	+1
Total (Transfer Programs)	410	19 (5%)	42	+23
CAREER PROGRAMS				
Health Science				
Medical Lab Technology	11	0 (0%)	6	+6
Nursing	23	1 (4%)	1	0
Total (Health Science)	34	1 (3%)	7	+6
Business & Data Processing				
Accounting	10	1 (10%)	4	+3
Advertising Design	17	0 (0%)	1	+1
Computer Operations	12	0 (0%)	6	+6
Data Processing	34	2 (6%)	1	-1
General Business	30	3 (10%)	7	+4
Secretarial Science	14	2 (14%)	3	+1
Total (Business & Data Processing)	117	8 (7%)	22	+14
Telecommunications				
Electronic Brdcst Journalism	1	1 (100%)	0	-1
Radio/TV	38	2 (5%)	5	+3
Telecommunications Tech	5	0 (0%)	1	+1
Total (Telecommunications)	44	3 (7%)	6	+3

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Table 7: Full-time Students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program, (Fall 1984 to Spring 1985) (continued)

	Fall 1984 Entering Class	Spring 1985 To Other Programs	Spring 1985 From Other Programs	Net Change
CAREER PROGRAMS (continued)				
Engineering Technologies				
Architecture & Bld Constr Tech	11	0 (0%)	2	+2
Aviation Customer Relations	10	0 (0%)	1	+1
Aviation Flight Technology	37	1 (3%)	0	-1
Drafting & Design Tech	8	1 (13%)	1	0
Electrical Engineering Tech	15	1 (7%)	4	+3
Electronics	13	2 (5%)	3	+1
Fire Science Tech	1	0 (0%)	1	+1
Heating, Refrigeration, A/C	1	0 (0%)	1	+1
Mechanical Engineering Tech	3	0 (0%)	1	+1
Total (Engineering Technologies)	99	5 (5%)	14	+9
Public Service Technology				
Education Assistant	5	1 (20%)	0	-1
Law Enforcement	19	0 (0%)	3	+3
Legal Assistant	12	1 (8%)	3	+2
Total (Public Service Technologies)	36	2 (6%)	6	+4
Science Technology				
Laboratory Tech	2	1 (50%)	0	-1
Total (Career Programs)	332	20 (6%)	55	+35
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS				
Microcomputer Tech	1	1 (100%)	0	-1
Word Processing Specialist	4	0 (0%)	1	+1
Total (Certificate Programs)	5	1 (20%)	1	0

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Table 7: Full-time students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program, (Fall 1984 to Spring 1985) (continued)

	Fall 1984 Entering Class	Spring 1985 To Other Programs	Spring 1985 From Other Programs	Net Change
NON-DEGREE AND PREPARATORY PROGRAMS				
General Studies	90	11 (12%)	1	-10
General Studies Allied Health (I)[a]	3	1 (33%)	0	-1
Pre-Nursing	83	9 (11%)	1	-8
Pre-Technical (I)[a]	6	2 (33%)	0	-2
Provisional Programs				
Accounting*	19	4 (21%)	0	-4
Architecture*	10	1 (10%)	0	-1
Biology*	7	1 (14%)	0	-1
Business Administration*	54	3 (6%)	0	-3
Computer Science*	7	1 (14%)	0	-1
Data Processing*	9	1 (11%)	0	-1
Drafting and Design*	4	1 (25%)	0	-1
Electric Power Tech*	1	1 (100%)	0	-1
Engineering Science*	4	1 (25%)	0	-1
Fire Science Tech*	2	1 (50%)	0	-1
General Business*	28	4 (14%)	0	-4
Humanities and Social Science*	44	7 (16%)	0	-7
Laboratory Tech*	4	1 (25%)	0	-1
Law Enforcement*	11	2 (18%)	0	-2
Legal Assistant*	5	1 (20%)	0	-1
Mechanical Eng Tech*	5	1 (20%)	0	-1
Ornamental Hort and Land Use Mgt*	7	1 (14%)	0	-1
Radio/TV*	8	3 (38%)	0	-3
Special Education*	5	2 (40%)	0	-2
Telecommunications*	2	1 (50%)	0	-1
Total (Non-Degree & Prep Programs)	418	61 (15%)	2	-59
SUMMARY				
Transfer Programs	410	19 (5%)	42	+23
Career Programs	332	20 (6%)	55	+35
Certificate Programs	5	1 (20%)	1	0
Non-Degree & Preparatory Programs	418	61 (15%)	2	-59
TOTAL COLLEGE	1165	101 (9%)	100	-1

[a] (I) denotes program is inactive.

N[illegible] table is limited to only those programs in which curriculum changes [illegible] taken place. Previous years data is available upon request from the [illegible]e of Institutional Research.

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Table 8: Part-time Students Changing 'To or From' Another Program After One Semester by Program Type, (Fall to Spring): 1982-1983, 1983-1984, 1984-1985

Program Type	1982-1983 Fall Entrants	To Other Programs	From Other Programs	Net Change	1983-1984 Fall Entrants	To Other Programs	From Other Programs	Net Change	1984-1985 Fall Entrants	To Other Programs	From Other Programs	Net Change
Transfer	122	2(1.6%)	17(13.9%)	+15	85	3(3.5%)	9(10.6%)	+6	116	3(2.6%)	19(16.4)	+16
Career	242	4(1.7%)	25(10.3%)	+21	173	5(2.9%)	12(6.9%)	+7	211	2(0.9%)	29(13.7)	+27
Certificate	44	3(6.8%)	3(6.8%)	0	37	1(2.7%)	2(5.4%)	+1	40	1(2.5%)	5(12.5)	+4
Non-Degree & Preparatory	1895	36(1.9%)	0(0%)	-36	1811	15(0.8%)	1(.05%)	-14	1464	47(3.2%)	0(0%)	-47
Total	2303	45(1.9%)	45 (1.9%)	0	2106	24(1.1%)	24(1.1%)	0	1831	53(2.9%)	53(2.9%)	0

Note: Only matriculated students were assigned to the appropriate transfer, career and certificate programs. Students that did not go through admissions were assigned to the "non-matriculated" curriculum and are included in the non-degree and preparatory program type. The data on this table reflect a change in reporting compared to previous years when the "non-matriculated" category was not used.

CONCLUSIONS

This report examined the patterns of student persistence and attrition at Mercer. There are some trends apparent in today's society which have had a strong influence on these patterns. Firstly, more and more students are finding it necessary to combine their schooling with employment, whether due to financial or increased family or job responsibilities. In addition, an increasing number of students taking longer than the traditional two-year period to complete their degree. An equally large number of students leave college without a degree to take a job for which their college training has prepared them. Others switch between full-time and part-time enrollment as work and family responsibilities occupy more of their time.

Future efforts should definitely be directed towards accommodating those students who fit into these categories, including those students who may have to "stop-out" at some point in their education especially those students who must combine their education with their employment.

Appendix A

Full-time Persistence Output

Fall 1980--Spring 1985

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1980

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED		100.00 1745									
PERCENT RETURNING F-T			68.00 1187	39.70 693	29.90 523	8.60 151	6.00 105	1.20 22	1.20 21	.50 10	.60 12
PERCENT RETURNING P-T				3.40 60	5.30 94	4.30 76	5.40 95	2.90 51	4.00 71	2.30 41	2.40 42
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME			12.40 218	7.90 139	7.70 135	5.20 92	3.30 59	2.10 37	.50 10	.60 11	.20 5
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME				2.60 46	2.80 49	2.20 39	1.40 25	.30 6	.80 14	.20 5	.20 4
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T				.30 6	.90 16	1.60 29	.50 9	.40 8	.10 3	.50 9	.10 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T			1	1.20 22	1.70 30	2.50 45	2.60 46	3.40 61	2.60 47	2.50 45	1.40 25
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING		100.00 1745	80.50 1406	55.30 966	48.50 847	24.70 432	19.40 339	10.60 185	9.50 166	6.90 121	5.10 90
PERCENT GRADUATED			.10 2	1.70 30	.40 7	14.70 257	1.60 29	6.20 109	.20 5	2.40 42	.30 6
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T			19.20 336	18.30 320	4.40 78	6.80 119	2.20 39	1.30 24	.20 5	.50 9	.30 6
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T				5.60 99	3.90 69	5.40 95	3.60 63	4.10 72	2.60 47	2.20 39	1.90 34
PERCENT DISMISSED			.10 2	1.00 19	.60 11	1.00 18	.90 17	1.00 18	.60 12	.50 9	.60 12

REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE CONTRACT NURSES OR SPECIAL GROUPS

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

	ALL STUDENTS			CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1981							
	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED			100.00 400								
PERCENT RETURNING F-T				37.50 150	23.20 93	12.00 48	9.50 38	2.00 8	2.00 8		.50 2
PERCENT RETURNING P-T					6.20 25	4.20 17	4.70 19	3.70 15	5.50 22	2.20 9	3.20 13
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME				16.20 65	5.00 20	4.70 19	2.50 10	2.50 10	.70 3	.70 3	.20 1
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME					2.70 11	2.50 10	2.20 9	1.00 4	.50 2	.50 2	.20 1
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T					2.00 8	1.70 7	1.00 4	.50 2	.20 1	.50 2	
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T					2.70 11	4.20 17	2.50 10	4.00 16	3.00 12	4.50 18	2.00 8
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING			100.00 400	53.70 215	42.00 168	29.50 118	22.50 90	13.70 55	12.00 48	8.50 34	6.20 25
PERCENT GRADUATED				1.00 4	2.20 9	5.70 23	2.00 8	4.50 18	1.00 4	3.70 15	.50 2
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T				44.20 177	7.20 29	6.50 26	3.20 13	4.70 19	.50 2	.70 3	
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T					6.70 27	5.00 20	4.70 19	3.70 15	3.00 12	2.70 11	3.00 12
PERCENT DISMISSED				1.00 4	.20 1	1.20 5	.50 2	.20 1	.50 2	1.20 5	.70 3

REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE CONTRACT NURSES OR SPECIAL GROUPS

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1981

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED				100.00 1819							
PERCENT RETURNING F-T					67.50 1228	37.50 682	28.80 525	8.60 158	5.60 102	1.80 33	.80 15
PERCENT RETURNING P-T						4.00 73	7.70 140	5.30 98	7.50 138	4.80 89	4.80 88
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME					13.10 239	11.00 200	7.30 133	7.70 140	3.10 57	1.20 22	.90 18
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME						2.20 40	2.90 53	1.80 34	1.90 36	.30 7	.60 11
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T						.90 18	1.10 20	.60 12	.60 11	.30 7	1
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T					1	.80 15	2.30 43	3.00 55	3.30 60	4.00 73	2.70 50
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING				100.00 1819	80.70 1468	56.50 1028	50.20 914	27.30 497	22.20 404	12.70 231	10.00 183
PERCENT GRADUATED					1	2.60 48	.40 9	11.50 210	2.50 47	7.30 133	.70 14
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T					19.10 349	16.30 298	3.80 70	7.00 129	1.30 25	1.70 32	.40 8
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T						5.80 106	3.90 71	5.90 108	3.00 67	3.70 68	2.80 52
PERCENT DISMISSED					1	1.10 21	1.40 27	2.00 37	1.30 25	1.10 20	1.30 25

REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE CONTRACT NURSES OR SPECIAL GROUPS

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1982

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED					100.00 544						
PERCENT RETURNING F-T						43.50 237	26.60 145	12.30 67	8.40 46	2.20 12	2.00 11
PERCENT RETURNING P-T							4.90 27	5.10 28	6.20 34	3.80 21	5.10 28
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME						13.20 72	7.30 40	7.50 41	3.80 21	2.70 15	.90 5
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME							2.00 11	1.40 8	1.20 7	1.10 6	.30 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T							2.30 13	1.80 10	.10 1	.90 5	.30 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T							2.20 12	2.70 15	3.30 18	4.50 25	2.70 15
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING					100.00 544	56.80 309	45.50 248	31.00 169	23.30 127	15.40 84	11.50 63
PERCENT GRADUATED						1.40 8	.90 5	3.60 20	1.20 7	7.10 39	2.30 13
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T						41.70 227	8.80 48	8.80 48	2.70 15	2.20 12	.90 5
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T							4.90 27	4.40 24	5.60 31	3.40 19	2.50 14
PERCENT DISMISSED							1.10 6	2.20 12	1.40 8	.50 3	1.10 6

REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE CONTRACT NURSES OR SPECIAL GROUPS

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1982

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED						100.00 1771					
PERCENT RETURNING F-T							67.60 1198	37.40 663	28.40 503	9.80 174	5.90 106
PERCENT RETURNING P-T								4.50 81	7.20 129	6.40 115	8.90 159
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME							14.60 260	11.30 201	7.10 127	7.70 137	4.10 74
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME							.10 2	2.90 52	3.30 60	2.20 39	2.00 36
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T								.60 12	.70 14	1.30 24	1.00 18
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T						.10 2	.10 3	1.30 24	1.90 34	3.80 68	2.50 45
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING						100.10 1773	82.60 1463	58.30 1033	48.90 867	31.40 557	24.70 438
PERCENT GRADUATED							1	2.80 50	.60 11	10.50 187	2.90 53
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T							17.20 305	15.70 279	5.30 95	6.70 120	1.40 25
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T								5.30 95	4.50 80	3.80 68	3.90 70
PERCENT DISMISSED							.30 7	2.30 42	1.50 28	1.50 27	1.90 34

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STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1983

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED							100.00 477				
PERCENT RETURNING F-T								39.20 187	22.80 109	11.90 57	7.10 34
PERCENT RETURNING P-T								.20 1	11.10 53	8.50 41	10.20 49
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME								21.50 103	8.10 39	5.60 27	4.60 22
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME									3.50 17	2.50 12	.60 3
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T									.60 3	.20 1	.40 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T							.20 1	.20 1	1.60 8	4.60 22	2.90 14
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING							100.20 478	61.20 292	48.00 229	33.50 160	25.90 124
PERCENT GRADUATED								1.00 5	.80 4	4.60 22	2.30 11
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T								37.70 180	7.70 37	6.70 32	2.00 10
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T									4.80 23	5.40 26	5.80 28
PERCENT DISMISSED								.40 2	2.00 10	2.50 12	[illegible]

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STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
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ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1983

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED								100.00 1737			
PERCENT RETURNING F-T									69.60 1210	35.80 622	26.10 455
PERCENT RETURNING P-T										4.70 83	8.10 142
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME									14.50 252	12.70 222	7.40 129
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME										2.60 46	3.90 68
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T										.50 10	.90 17
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T									.10 2	1.60 29	2.40 42
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING								100.00 1737	84.20 1464	58.20 1012	49.10 853
PERCENT GRADUATED									.10 2	2.00 35	.50 10
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T									15.70 273	19.50 340	4.90 86
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T										5.40 95	4.30 75
PERCENT DISMISSED										1.20 21	2.70 47

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STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS 'CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1984

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED									100.00		
									404		
PERCENT RETURNING F-T										43.80	26.20
										177	106
PERCENT RETURNING P-T											9.90
											40
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME										19.30	9.90
										78	40
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME											2.70
											11
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T											1.40
											6
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T											2.90
											12
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING									100.00	63.10	53.20
									404	255	215
PERCENT GRADUATED										1.20	.40
										5	2
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T										35.60	6.90
										144	28
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T											4.70
											19
PERCENT DISMISSED											2.20
											9

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STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING FULL TIME STATUS
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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1984

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
ENTERED										100.00 1492	
RETURNING F-T											64.70 966
RETURNING P-T											
FULL TO PART TIME											14.80 221
PART TO FULL TIME											
RE-ADMIT F-T											
RE-ADMIT P-T											
TOTAL ATTENDING										100.00 1492	79.50 1187
GRADUATED											.10 2
TRANSFERRED											
NON-RETURN F-T											20.20 302
NON-RETURN P-T											
DISMISSED											1

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ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1985

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT											100.00
ENTERED											392
PERCENT RETURNING F-T											
PERCENT RETURNING P-T											
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME											
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T											
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING											100.00 392
PERCENT GRADUATED											
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T											
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T											
PERCENT DISMISSED											

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Appendix B

Part-time Persistence Output

Fall 1980--Spring 1985

STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING PART TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1980

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED	100.00										
	2293										
PERCENT RETURNING F-T			1.40	2.70	1.70	1.70	.40	.50	.10	.20	
			33	62	40	39	11	13	4	5	
PERCENT RETURNING P-T		40.20	18.00	14.40	11.00	9.30	6.80	6.10	4.40	4.70	
		924	413	331	253	214	158	142	103	108	
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME			.80	.70	.80	.60	.30	.30	.10		
			20	17	19	14	8	7	3	1	
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME		4.10	2.00	.50	.40	.30	.30	.10			
		95	46	13	11	9	7	3			
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T			.50	.20	.30	.20	.20		.10		
			13	5	8	5	5	2	4		
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T		1	5.70	4.10	4.90	3.00	3.70	2.10	3.30	1.70	
			132	95	114	69	86	49	77	39	
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING	100.00	44.40	28.60	22.80	19.40	15.20	11.90	9.40	8.30	6.60	
	2293	1020	657	523	445	350	275	216	191	153	
PERCENT GRADUATED				.30	1.00	.30	1.70	.20	1.20	.10	
				9	24	8	39	5	29	4	
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T			1.70	.40	.50	.10	.50	.10	.20		
			41	10	12	3	13	3	5	2	
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T		55.50	20.20	9.20	7.10	6.30	4.90	4.30	2.90	3.00	
		1274	465	213	163	156	113	97	68	69	
PERCENT DISMISSED									.10		
			2	2	1	2	1	2	4	2	

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BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

	ALL STUDENTS	CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1981								
	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED			100.00 1339								
PERCENT RETURNING F-T					2.30 31	1.10 15	2.00 29	.80 12	.60 9	.40 6	.20 4
PERCENT RETURNING P-T				26.80 360	15.70 211	11.60 159	8.50 115	6.50 98	5.10 77	4.00 52	5.10 69
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME					.60 9	1.10 16	.60 9	.90 13	.20 4	.60 9	.20 4
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME				4.00 54	.50 7	.80 11	.60 9	.50 7	.60 9	.10 2	.20 3
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T					.30 5	.90 13	.30 5		1	1	.20 3
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T					4.90 66	5.30 71	3.50 47	3.40 46	2.20 30	2.90 39	1.70 23
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING			100.00 1339	30.90 414	24.50 329	21.30 286	15.90 213	12.30 166	10.10 136	8.80 119	7.90 106
PERCENT GRADUATED					.10 2	.50 8	.10 2	.90 13	.50 8	.50 8	.10 2
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T					1.00 14	.50 8	.20 3	.70 10	.30 5	1	
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T				69.00 925	10.30 139	8.20 111	8.80 119	5.00 68	3.50 47	3.40 46	2.60 36
PERCENT DISMISSED					1		1	.10 2	1	.10 2	1

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STUDENT PERSISTENCE IN AND MODE OF LEAVING PART TIME STATUS
BY YEAR OF ENTERING CLASS

ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1981

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED				100.00 2260							
PERCENT RETURNING F-T						2.30 54	2.40 55	1.20 28	.90 22	.30 9	.50 12
PERCENT RETURNING P-T					39.30 890	20.50 463	14.60 332	10.40 236	9.30 211	6.90 157	6.10 138
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME						.70 18	1.20 29	1.30 31	.80 19	.50 13	.20 5
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME					4.80 110	1.60 38	1.10 27	.40 11	.60 14	.30 8	.30 7
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T						.40 10	.30 7	.30 8	1	.20 5	
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T						5.70 130	2.60 61	3.60 82	2.80 64	3.60 83	2.20 51
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING				100.00 2260	44.20 1000	31.60 715	22.60 511	17.50 396	14.60 331	12.10 275	9.40 213
PERCENT GRADUATED						.10 4	.50 13	1.10 25	.50 12	1.90 44	.50 12
PERCENT TRANSFERRED						1.60 38	.70 16	.80 19	.20 5	.20 6	.20 5
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T					55.70 1259	16.70 378	10.40 236	6.80 155	4.80 109	3.90 90	4.00 92
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T						.20 5	.30 7	.20 6	.10 4	.10 4	.10 4
PERCENT DISMISSED					1						

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ALL STUDENTS — CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1982

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED					100.00 1603						
PERCENT RETURNING F-T							2.50 41	1.40 23	1.90 31	.90 16	.80 14
PERCENT RETURNING P-T						27.60 446	13.70 221	9.20 148	7.60 122	5.10 83	4.60 75
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME							.70 12	1.10 18	.40 3	.60 10	.30 5
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME						4.40 72	.50 8	.40 6	.90 15	.10 3	.10 1
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T							.30 6	.80 14	.10 1	.30 5	.10 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T							4.60 74	4.20 68	2.60 43	2.90 48	2.20 36
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING					100.00 1603	32.10 516	22.60 363	17.40 279	13.70 220	10.20 165	8.20 133
PERCENT GRADUATED							1	.50 9	.10 2	1.30 21	.30 6
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T							1.00 17	.80 13	.30 6	.80 14	.10 3
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T						67.80 1087	13.20 212	8.70 141	5.40 88	4.40 72	3.70 60
PERCENT DISMISSED							.10 3	.10 3	.40 7	1	1

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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING Fall - 1982

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED						100.00					
						2302					
PERCENT RETURNING F-T								1.90	1.90	1.00	1.00
								42	43	24	24
PERCENT RETURNING P-T							38.00	17.20	13.00	9.80	9.60
							876	398	300	226	221
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME								1.30	.80	.80	.60
								32	20	20	16
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME							5.10	1.40	.40	.60	.30
							118	34	11	15	7
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T								.20	.20	.40	.10
								5	6	10	3
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T								3.50	3.30	3.80	2.60
								81	73	89	60
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING						100.00	43.10	25.70	19.80	16.70	14.30
						2302	994	592	458	385	331
PERCENT GRADUATED								.10	.20	.60	.30
								4	5	14	9
PERCENT TRANSFERRED								1.80	.60	.50	.30
								43	16	12	7
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T							56.70	14.30	9.20	5.00	4.00
							1307	329	189	139	93
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T								.30	.30	.30	.30
							1	7	8	7	8
PERCENT DISMISSED											

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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1983

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED							100.00				
							1592				
PERCENT RETURNING F-T									2.00	1.50	1.60
									32	24	27
PERCENT RETURNING P-T								23.30	12.60	8.40	7.00
								370	201	134	112
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME									.60	1.00	.50
									11	17	9
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME								4.30	1.10	.50	.90
								69	18	8	15
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T									.50	.60	.10
									8	11	3
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T									3.30	3.30	2.90
									53	52	47
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING							100.00	27.60	21.10	16.10	13.00
							1592	440	336	257	208
PERCENT GRADUATED									.10	.50	.20
									2	8	4
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T									.80	1.10	.30
									14	18	6
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T								12.30	9.60	7.50	5.10
								1152	154	120	82
PERCENT DISMISSED									.10	.30	.40
									1	5	7

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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1983

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED								100.00			
								2109			
PERCENT RETURNING F-T										2.10	1.90
										46	40
PERCENT RETURNING P-T									36.80	17.60	13.60
									774	371	286
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME										1.20	1.10
										26	24
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME									4.80	1.00	1.00
									102	21	21
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T										.60	.40
										13	6
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T										4.50	2.70
										95	57
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING								100.00	41.70	27.20	20.60
								2100	875	572	434
PERCENT GRADUATED											.30
										2	7
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T										1.30	.70
										29	16
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T									58.20	17.70	8.10
									1224	377	172
PERCENT DISMISSED										.10	.20
										4	6

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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING SPRING-1984

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED									100.00 1245		
PERCENT RETURNING F-T											2.40 30
PERCENT RETURNING P-T										24.30 303	11.60 144
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME											.40 6
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME										3.50 44	.20 12
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T											.10 2
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T											.40 5
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING									100.00 1245	27.80 347	19.30 241
PERCENT GRADUATED											
PERCENT TRANSFERRED.											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T											.60 8
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T										72.10 899	11.40 142
PERCENT DISMISSED											.10 1

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ALL STUDENTS CLASS ENTERING FALL - 1984

	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED										100.00 1231	
PERCENT RETURNING F-T											37.43 667
PERCENT RETURNING P-T											
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME											6.10 112
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T											
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING										100.00 1231	42.50 779
PERCENT GRADUATED											
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T											57.43 1051
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T											
PERCENT DISMISSED											1

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	SPR 80	FALL 80	SPR 81	FALL 81	SPR 82	FALL 82	SPR 83	FALL 83	SPR 84	FALL 84	SPR 85
PERCENT ENTERED											100.00 1211
PERCENT RETURNING F-T											
PERCENT RETURNING P-T											
PERCENT FULL TO PART TIME											
PERCENT PART TO FULL TIME											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT F-T											
PERCENT RE-ADMIT P-T											
PERCENT TOTAL ATTENDING											100.00 1211
PERCENT GRADUATED											
PERCENT TRANSFERRED											
PERCENT NON-RETURN F-T											
PERCENT NON-RETURN P-T											
PERCENT DISMISSED											

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